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DR. LEWIS IMPROVING BUT STILL CONFINED TO HIS HOME

It has been reported that Dr. George W. Lewis, Director of Aeronautical Research for the NACA, who has been ill and confined to his home for the past two weeks, is improving but that he will still be indisposed for about six more weeks.

LABORATORY LAGGING BADLY IN VICTORY LOAN DRIVE

First returns in the Victory Loan Drive show that the Laboratory is lagging badly with only \$7,797 of the \$45,000 goal reached. West Area leads with \$4,478.25; Full Scale Area follows with \$1,931.25; and the Administrative Area tags in the rear with \$1,387.50.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT LABORATORY FOR MESSENGERS

Norwood Evans, Head of Employment, announced this week that the Laboratory has vacancies for five messengers and he asks that employees who have friends or know of anyone who is qualified for the position please notify the Employment Office. In order to be qualified, the applicant must have a driver's license as the position will call for some driving of light weight government vehicles.

BASKETBALL MEETING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 27

All teams interested in participating in the Laboratory basketball league are asked to have a representative present at the meeting which will be held at the Industrial USO on Tuesday, November 27. It is hoped that all sections will take an active part in this sport and that a good representation will be present at the meeting.

NEW PAY BILL REPORTED OKAY BY COMMITTEE IN U. S. SENATE

The new Downey federal employees pay bill, which provides for an overall twenty percent pay raise for all government workers was reported favorable by the Senate Civil Service committee in session last week. The bill, which also calls for additional grades at the top of the present CAF and Professional classifications, had been under lengthy discussion.

Among the many persons who favored the passage of the bill and spoke in its favor at the committee hearings were Civil Service Commissioner Arthur A. Flemming, OPA Administrator Chester Bowles, Veteran Administrator General Omar N. Bradley, OSRD Chief Vannevar Bush, and former WPB assistant chief William Batt.

INDUSTRIAL USO TO CLOSE NOVEMBER 30

The Hampton Industrial USO, in keeping with the policy that they cease operation as soon as possible after the emergency is over, will close November 30. A farewell party to Hampton is being planned for the end of the month at which time several awards will be presented to various persons for their services. Invitations will be distributed throughout the various Laboratory sections.

Thomas Ellis, Director of the Academy Street USO, extends the following invitation to Laboratory employees: "Since the Industrial USO at 108 N. King Street is closing at the end of the month, we are anxious to meet some of the needs of the NACA employees and we extend to them a cordial invitation to enjoy all facilities of our club and to make themselves at home with us."

The Air Scoop has been mimeographed this week due to a shortage of lithographers and the pressure of work in the Mechanical Reproduction Unit. As soon as possible we will resume the regular publication process.

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THANKSGIVING

I am an American and I give thanks.
 I am thankful that my Lord and Maker
 has stopped the needless suffering--
 That with His infinite wisdom he has
 said, "The dead shall die no more."
 The cause that was right took on the
 might
 That has unfurled its banners over home-
 land of the invader
 And even into the gates of Hell.

I am an American and I offer praise.
 I praise my God, my people, and my
 leaders,
 That they have delivered mankind from
 evil.
 That the ravaging ride of the Four
 Horsemen,
 Famine, Pestilence, War, and Death,
 Has been halted and turned from our
 door.

I am an American and I say a prayer.
 I pray to my God that he grant unto
 mankind the wisdom
 And the tolerance that shall enable
 them to live in Peace forevermore.
 That the glory of His kingdom shall be
 theirs,
 And that my son shall need not die
 And lie in an unmarked grave beside me.

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FOR SALE: Three antique mirrors and
 one drop leaf table. Hugh Watson,
 Purchase Office.

LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

Now that Sadie Hawkins Day
 is officially over and Lil Abner
 has escaped the clutches of Daisy Mae
 again, all the red bluded wholsum young
 relax for another year. As usual, it
 was a close race. As usual he won.
 Macherly.

Available Seacord is a bit
 put out by the reaction to his paid
 ad in last week's issue. He got quite
 a few phone calls but found that most
 of them were from curious practical
 jokers who backed down when he tried to
 supply their wants. Evidently somebody
 was fooling.

One of the reen Cow
 underlings, Pitkin by name, wishes
 he had had a few prizes to hand out at
 the dance. Unquestionably, he says
 they would have gone to Dixie Carter as
 the closest thing to Daisy Mae, M. O.
 McKinney as a sho nuff revenooer who
 even scared the guy selling cokes, and
 Jerry Kayten for his downright stupid,
 natural hillbilly appearance.

The ultimate in beauty contests
 for Langley Field is currently
 being sponsored by "The Tailspinner",
 the post paper. Pictures of the en-
 trants are being run in each issue and
 the winner will be selected in a few
 weeks. First prize is a trip to New
 York, all expenses paid. Two Lab
 lassies have been selected by Tail-
 spinner editors for entrants to date,
 June McQueen and Dixie Carter,

A possible Lab delegte
 to the labor-management parley is
 Irwin Schumacher. Sunday afternoon,
 when the Flyer-Presflight orgy was
 ready to begin at Wythe field, it turned
 out that a whole flock of junior Wythe
 residents were also on hand to have a

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**PRESFLIGHTS TAKE OVER LEAD;
REDS, FLYERS DROP TWO EACH**

Behind the potent pitching of Pat Cancro, the undefeated Presflights went into undisputed leadership of the touch football league last weekend with a 12-0 win from the hitherto undefeated Reds on Saturday and a 9-6 close call with the Flyers on Sunday.

Saturday's game saw two Cancro tosses, to Chuck Bennett and Stan Spooner hand the Reds their first loss in two years. On Sunday, the going was a little rougher, with the Flyers drawing first blood with a pass from Irwin Schumacher to Bud Zeck who raced 45 yards to outrun his opponents to the goal line. Jim Thompson's all important place kick was blocked when the Presflight line broke through, making the fourth game in a row that the Flyers have missed the point and lost the game. Cancro and company came back with a pass to Bob Neely for their touchdown and another pass to Chuck Bennett for the point. After outrushing the tiring Flyers for the entire second half, Luke Tosti and Ray Salmi tagged Charlie Forsyth in the end zone in the fourth quarter for two more points.

The Reds lost to the Bombers on Sunday, giving Knemeyer's team a second place tie with the Packers who scored a 6-0 win over the non-stinging Hornets. Near the end of the second quarter, Knemeyer flipped a 30 yard aerial to Bob Jaquis for the touchdown and Les Oborny place kicked the goal. Final score - Bombers 7 - Reds 0.

The Gimmicks evened up their percentage on Saturday with a 7-6 win from the Flyers. A pass from Ike Eichmeier to Jim Lindell accounted for the touchdown and another toss from Ray Hansen to Dave Newby scored the extra point that won the game. Jim Thompson made the season's most sensational run when he intercepted a Gimmick pass behind his own goal line and outraced Ray Hansen 102 yards for the Flyers' tally.

**LAF BASKETBALL TEAM BEING
ORGANIZED; DEVOTO TO COACH**

An effort is being made for the first time in several years to have a basketball team represent the Laboratory in competition against other amateur and service teams in the area.

Harry DeVoto, popular referee in last year's Laboratory league has taken over the duties as head coach with Frank Read as assistant. Tiny Hutton and Charlie Clarke will attend to schedules, statistics and other similarly unimportant routines.

Coach DeVoto has issued a call for all interested basketeers to report for the first practice session at the Langley Field post gym Saturday, November 24 at 10 a.m. According to the coach, who is making his debut as a mentor, "This will indubitably be the best team I have ever put on the floor."

**EMPLOYEES ASKED TO STATE
SPECIFIC NUMBER OF FORMS NEEDED**

Due to the shortage of funds in the Committee's printing and binding appropriations, Johnny Bergbom, Head of Stocks, ask that employees, when ordering standard Government forms, state the specific number needed and not ask for a package.

COMPLETE SCORES

- Gimmicks 7 - Flyers 6
- Packers 0 - Bombers 0
- Presflights 12 - Reds 0
- Bombers 7 - Reds 0
- Eagles 0 - Gimmicks 0
- Packers 6 - Hornets 0
- Presflights 9 - Flyers 6

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pctg.
Presflights	5	0	0	1.000
Packers	3	1	1	.700
Bombers	3	1	1	.700
Reds	3	2	0	.600
Gimmicks	2	2	1	.500
Flyers	2	4	0	.333
Hornets	1	3	1	.300
Eagles	0	2	2	.250
Characters	0	4	0	.000

FLIGHT AND IRD LEAD AFTER SIX WEEKS' LEAGUE BOWLING

The Flight Ragouts swept a three-game match from the 8-Foot Tunnel Rats last week to go into a first place tie with the IRD Jerks in the NACA Mixed Duckpin "B" League. The AWT characters dropped from their first place tie by virtue of a 2-1 upset at the hands of the Low Turb Strikers. The ten team loop has completed six weeks of play.

The Tunnel Rats of 8-Foot, currently holding fourth place, are holding the lion's share of individual and team honors. Arvo Luoma leads the men with a 109.1 average, 134 game, and is tied with Dan Bridges of the Characters with a 366 set. Midge Webster leads the lassies with a 96.4 average, 124 game, and a 303 set. The 8-Foot team has a 528 game and a 1543 set.

Other high averages are: men, Bernie Smith, AWT, 105.2; Dan Bridges, AWT, 104.1; Mort Stoller, IRD, 104; Hewitt Phillips, Flight, 102.5; Harold Crane, Flight, 101.1, and Luke Liccini, 8-Foot, 100.8; women, Marion Zender, Structures, 93; and Mary Kotanchik, Structures, 92.6.

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FOR SALE: Trailer, new 10 ft. heavy-duty type, \$125 - Graham, Illustrators

WANTED: Ride from Buckroe Beach to West Area on 8:15 shift, Call Personnel Services, 2377.

LOST: Set of specifications, 19 type-written pages, for house. In manila correspondence envelop marked "Community Chest". Finder please contact John E. Gillespie, Purchase Office, who is most anxious to have them returned as they represent considerable personal time and expense.

WANTED: Ride to Athens, Tennessee, or some connecting point. Marybelle Modell, East Computing Section.

WANTED: Ride to Washington for weekend of December 30, Len Arnow, Gust Loads.

FOR RENT: Large room (twin beds) in modern apartment. Two girls or boys preferred. Breakfast and evening meals if desired. Available Nov. 23. Call 2 Sgt. F.H. Hanigan, Langley Field 5254.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS MERGE

Effective as of November 20, the Administrative Department and the Technical Service Department have been merged into one department with Ernest Johnson serving as Chief. Howard H. Morris has been appointed Assistant Chief and W. Kemble Johnson, Assistant Chief and Administrative Officer. These two departments were combined in order to consolidate the service functions of the Laboratory.

LIFE AT LAB.

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game. When it appeared that blood must run freely before either side vacated, Shoo stepped into the forefront to mediate. He prevailed upon both sides to alternate, each one playing one-half of their game at a time. A coin toss decided the issue and the Nacas won. The kids even carried the yardsticks.

The most rabid Norview

rooter at the Hampton-Norview fracas on Sadie Dearborn night was Mel Gough who was escorted to the game by one of the little Goughs and one of his little friends. Mel sat in front of the editors, who were scouting both teams along with representatives of the Flyers, Reds, and Hornets for possible recruits for next year's touch football league. He cheered like a madman (in typical enthusiastic Gough fashion) whenever the Norview lads completed a pass, laughed himself almost silly when they fooled Hampton on a quick kick, and did several other things that no doubt embarrassed heck out of his kid and his friend who were undoubtedly as enthusiastic about Hampton but afraid to say so. Tsk Tsk.

Levy Tindell, Building and

Grounds, became the proud papa of a daughter last Sunday night. Mama used to work in Structures.

Another proud papa

in Building and Grounds, is George Viertel who recently became the father of a daughter.